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An ordinance to dissolve the union now existing between the State of Arkansas and the other States united with her under the compact, entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America". Whereas, In addition to the well-founded causes of complaint set forth by this convention in resolutions adopted on the eleventh day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, against the sectional party now in power at Washington city, headed by Abraham Lincoln, he has, in the face of resolutions passed by this convention pledging the State of Arkansas to resist, to the last extremity, any attempt on the part of such power to coerce any State that had seceded from the old Union, proclaimed to the world that war should be waged against such States, until they should be compelled to submit to their rule, and large forces to accomplish this have, by this same power, been called out, and are now being marshalled to carry out this inhuman design, and to longer submit to such rule, or remain in the old union of the United States would be disgraceful and ruinous to the State of Arkansas: Therefore, We, the people of the State of Arkansas, in convention assembled, do hereby declare and ordain, and it is, hereby, declared and ordained, that the "Ordinance and Acceptance of Compact" passed and approved by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, on the eighteenth day of October, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, whereby it was, by said General Assembly, ordained that, by virtue of the authority vested in said General Assembly by the provisions of the ordinance adopted by the convention of delegates, assembled at Little Rock for the purpose of forming a constitution and system of government for said State, the propositions set forth in "the act supplementary to an act entitled 'an act for the admission of the State of Arkansas into the Union and to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the same, and for other purposes', were freely accepted, ratified and irrevocably confirmed as articles of compact and union between the State of Arkansas and the United States" and all other laws and every other law and ordinance whereby the State of Arkansas became a member of the federal union, be and the same are hereby, in all respects, and for every purpose herewith consistent, repealed, abrogated and fully set aside, and the union, now subsisting between the State of Arkansas and the other States, under the name of "The United States of America", is hereby forever dissolved. And we do further hereby declare and ordain, that the State of Arkansas hereby resumes to herself all rights and powers heretofore delegated to the government of the United States of America: That her citizens are absolved from all allegiance to said government of the United States, and that she is in full possession and exercise of all those rights of sovereignty which appertain to a free and independent State. We do further ordain and declare, that all rights acquired and vested under the Constitution of the United States of America, or of any act or acts of Congress, or treaty, or under any law of this State, and not incompatible with this ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect, in no wise altered or impaired, and have the same effect as if this ordinance had not been passed.

David W. Miller President of the convention and a delegate from the county of Washington	
James L. Potter of Arkansas county.	George D. Smoot of Columbia county.
Marcus L. Hawkins of Ashley county.	S. J. Stallings of Conway county.
W. L. Ginn of Benton county.	Jesse Turner of Crawford county.
J. G. G. of Bradley county.	
Phil H. Colwell of Calhoun county.	H. F. Thomason of " county.
W. W. Matthews of Carroll county.	Geo. H. Bradley of Crittenden county.
Barr A. Hobbs of do county.	Robert S. Fuller of Dallas county.
J. H. Williams of Chicot county.	J. P. Johnson of Desha county.
H. H. H. of Clark county.	L. A. Rhodes of Drew county.
J. B. Miller of Columbia county.	W. D. H. of do do county.



A. R. Mansfield	of Franklin	county	Samuel Kelley	of Pike	county
S. M. Cochran	of Fulton	county	Archibald Raly	of Polk	county
Geo. H. Bush	of Green	county	William Street	of Pope	county
R. H. Garland	of Hempstead	county	Benjamin C. Zotton	of Prairie	county
A. S. Carrigan	of Hempstead	county	J. Stillwell	of Pulaski	county
E. J. P. West	of Independence	county	J. H. H. H. H.	of "	county
Wm. C. Fort	of "	county	James W. Crossland	of Randolph	county
M. Gully Kennard	of "	county	Le. H. Smith	of Saline	county
Alon. Adams	of Hard	county	E. J. Walker	of Scott	county
E. T. Patterson	of Jackson	county	of "	county	county
Ja. Yee	of Jefferson	county	Sam. L. Guffish	of Sebastian	county
W. P. Grace	of "	county	W. H. H. H.	of "	county
Wm. W. F. Loyd	of Johnson	county	Bingia S. H. H. H.	of Sevier	county
Felix J. Batson	of "	county	Geo. H. H. H.	of "	county
Wm. P. Bryer	of Lafayette	county	J. H. H. H.	of St. Francis	county
Samuel Robinson	of Lawrence	county	J. H. H. H.	of "	county
Matth. D. Baber	of "	county	H. H. H.	of Union	county
H. C. Bolinger	of Madison	county	Wm. H. H.	of Union	county
Thos. H. Austin	of Marion	county	Henry H. H.	of Van Buren	county
Delia. R. Lamin	of Mississippi	county	John P. H. H.	of Washington	county
Wm. H. H.	of Monroe	county	J. H. H.	of "	county
Alexander M. H. H.	of Montgomery	county	Levi H. H.	of White	county
Isaiah H. H.	of Newton	county	W. H. H.	of Yell	county
A. W. Hobson	of Ouachita	county	J. H. H.	of Washington	county
L. D. H.	of Perry	county	Joseph H. H.	of Hot Spring	county
Thomas B. H.	of Phillips	county			
Chas. H. H.	of Same	county			

Adopted and passed, in this convention, on the sixth day of May, June Session, 1851.

Attest: Elias C. Brudenot Secretary of the Arkansas State Convention.